

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 16 2017

RE: H.B. No. 186  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 186, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COFFEE BERRY BORER BEETLE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to extend the sunset date of the pesticide subsidy program for two years and limit the amount of subsidies that each coffee grower can receive over a three year period.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawaii, Big Island Invasive Species Committee, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, ILWU Local 142, Hawaii Coffee Company, and nine individuals.

Your Committee finds that Act 105, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, as amended by Act 152, Session laws of Hawaii 2015, established a pesticide subsidy program within the Department of Agriculture effective from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2019, with the purpose of providing subsidies to coffee farmers for the purchase of pesticides containing the fungus *Beauveria bassiana* to control infestation of the coffee berry borer. Although Act 105 appropriated funds, the Act took longer than anticipated to be implemented, and the appropriated funds only became available at



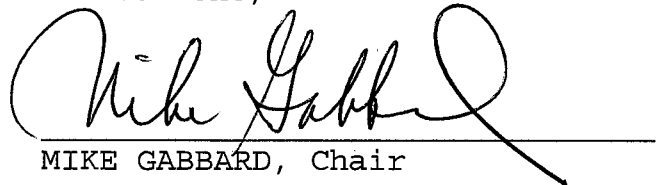
the end of 2016, more than two years after the effective date of the program. This measure extends the sunset date of the pesticide subsidy program by two years to ensure it can be fully implemented within the time span originally envisioned in Act 105.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Appropriating general revenues directly to the Department of Agriculture for the pesticide subsidy program established under Act 105, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, as amended, instead of appropriating funds into and out of the pesticide use revolving fund; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 186, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 186, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture and  
Environment,




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

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HB 186, HDI	AEN, WAM	3/13/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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